To the honorable the Senate and the honorable the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The undersigned special Minister from Congress to the Court of Versailles, begs leave to represent to the General Court of the State of Massachusets that he is charged with a commission of the last importance to the United States, and the objects of which require the most instant dispatch.

That the Frigate Alliance which is ordered to convey him on their service is reduced to the impossibility of sailing for want of twenty seamen—

That

that since his arrival on the 25th Ult.o unremitting but fruitless efforts have been made to supply this deficiency - and that the immediate and decisive interposition of the General Court is become indispensable -

In these circumstances the said Minister cannot suppose that the Representatives of one of the most populous and powerful States of the Union - one which took the lead in

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the present glorious Revolution
and has ever been distinguished
for its energy— will refuse
to trifling a succour— when
the most extensive and impor-
-ant consequences are to be
derived from it.

John Laurens.

Boston 5th Feby. 1781.

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